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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious, loving Father, who has taught us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of closeness with You, and to cast all our cares on You, who cares for us, set us free from timorous timidity when it comes to living the absolutes of Your Commandments and speaking with the authority of Your truth. We are living in a time of moral confusion. We talk a great deal about values, but have lost our grip on Your standards. Bring us back to the basics of honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness. We want to be authentic people rather than professional caricatures of character. May people know that they will get what they see. Free us from capricious dissimulations, from covered duality, from covert duplicity. Instead of manipulating with power games, help us motivate with patriotism, grant us the passion we knew when we first heard Your call to political leadership, the idealism we had when we were driven by a cause greater than ourselves, and the inspiration we knew when Your Spirit was our only source of strength. May this be a day to recapture our first love for You and our first priority of glorifying You by serving our Nation. In the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will immediately begin consideration of the conference report to accompany the energy and water appropriations bill. Following the debate, at 11 o'clock the Senate will then resume consideration of the Interior appropriations bill, with the Bumpers amendment regarding grazing fees pending. The Senate will recess for the party conference lunches between the hour of 12:30 and 2:15 p.m. At 2:15, there will be an additional 20 minutes for debate on the Bumpers amendment and, following that debate, the Senate will proceed to two consecutive votes, first on or in relation to the Bumpers amendment to be followed immediately by a vote on adoption of the energy and water appropriations conference report.

Following those votes, the Senate will resume consideration of the Interior appropriations bill and additional votes can be expected on amendments to that bill this afternoon. It is hoped, with the cooperation of our colleagues, the Senate can complete action on the Interior appropriations bill this evening, hopefully.

Again, Senators can expect busy sessions this week and should plan accordingly. It will be almost impossible to complete our Senate business in the time we have allocated if Members expect no rollcall votes in the evenings because of prior commitments. Last week I had requests: That we not have votes during the day on Monday or on Monday night; please do not have one on Tuesday morning; could we not have one on Wednesday night; how about on Thursday? I was thinking maybe we could just stack all the votes at 10 o'clock on Wednesday.

I would like to accommodate all Senators, and many of these requests are very legitimate. Sometimes they are based on very important commitments or illness or all kinds of things. But I

think, during the next few days, as we try to come to the conclusion of this session, Senators need to be very hesitant to request such delays in votes.

I remind all Senators that, if they insist on offering nongermane amendments to these appropriations measures, it will only delay disposition of the important spending bills as we approach the end of the fiscal year.

Also, we are going to work very hard this afternoon and tomorrow and Thursday to see if we cannot take up some other issues. Always we try to work on conference reports when they are available, particularly if they are appropriations conference reports. We are working to see if we can get some clear understanding on time and very tight limit on amendments, if any, on the Federal Aviation Administration authorization. We need to get that done before we leave. I would like to see if we cannot get that done tonight, with the debate occurring after we complete debate or action on the Interior appropriations. We might take up the FAA authorization, say at 6 or 7, and let all the debate time go on tonight with vote or votes on that occurring first thing in the morning.

Tomorrow I would like to see if maybe we can do the Magnuson fisheries bill. We have a lot of work done on that. We need to get it done before we leave. Again, maybe we could work on the debate during tomorrow night, with votes occurring on Thursday morning.

We are also going to see what sort of time would be desired if we took up the maritime bill.

So, my thinking is during the day, for the most part we will stay on the appropriations bills, either Interior appropriations or the energy and water conference report, as we are doing this morning, and then at night we will try to take up some of these authorizations that have been agreed to or we

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